

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 17 (continuing onto the top of page 18), with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 9 illustrates a file method for associating digital information with the location identity attribute 140 that precisely defines the region in which access of a digital information file by an application or operating system will be allowed. The method starts at step 400 with a command to save or store a file containing digital information with a location identity attribute. This command may be performed as part of the ordinary operation of an application or operating system. At step 402, a location value 142 for the digital information is retrieved and stored for later use. At step 404, a proximity value 143 of the location identity attribute of the appliance is retrieved and stored for later use. As described above, various methods for generating the location and proximity values 142, 143 may be utilized. At step 406, the retrieved location and proximity values 142, 143 are used to generate the location identity attribute 140. Then, at step 408, the digital information 416 is integrated with the location identity attribute 140 to provide gelocked digital information 418. There are many ways in which to integrate the digital information 416 with the associated location identity attribute 140. For digital information 416 stored as a file, the location identity can be formatted and appended to the front of the digital information file, such as in a header. Alternatively, the location identity attribute 140 can be saved in an associated directory file. In either case, an application or operating system attempting to access the digital information file will enforce location identity by determining whether the location identity attribute 140 allows access to the gelocked digital information.